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TO : [redacted] A
Via :
FROM :

DATE: 3 March 1952

SUBJECT: Attached

1. The attached memorandum is an Eyes Only report for your study and consideration.

2. The writer has set down personal comments relative the Bluebird operation and particularly contributions or rather lack of contributions to this effort by OSI. The writer has also commented relative matters involving the medical staff in relation to the Bluebird program.

3. The paper is not an official document, but rather a confidential report for I & SO information only.

4. If you have no further use for it after reading, I will retain it in our controlled files.

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1. EVALUATION OF THE MEDICAL STAFF'S CONTRIBUTION TO BLUEBIRD

EVALUATION OF BLUEBIRD POTENTIAL BY THE MEDICAL STAFF

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In view of the fact that with the exception of the few days spent with Bluebird by [redacted] no medical officer was assigned to the Bluebird staff until mid-January 1952 when [redacted] was designated by [redacted] to assist Bluebird from a medical point of view, an evaluation of the contribution of the medical staff to Bluebird is impossible at this time. By the same token, it would be impossible for the medical staff to make any kind of evaluation of real merit whatsoever of the work done to date by the Bluebird staff and certainly to a lesser extent to the work done by OSI in this connection.

Irrespective of any evaluation whatsoever that the medical staff may place on the Bluebird work, it is the writer's emphatic opinion that this work requires an extensive exploration of the entire medical field by competent medical authority. A survey of the literature in this connection reveals that a great deal of work along Bluebird lines is being done by psychiatrists and psychologists all over the United States and elsewhere and according to much of the literature, many remarkable results are obtained. These results are, in a great many instances, directly applicable to the Bluebird problem. Basically, we know that the Iron Curtain "experts" have achieved amazing results (Moscow Purge Trials 1936,1937-[redacted] etc.) and any negative answer or withdrawal of medical support would not be, in the opinion of the writer, in the best interests of the Agency or the United States Government for that matter. From a medical point of view, there is much to be done and the medical staff should be authorized to comb the country for answers to the medical staff's problems involved. The medical staff should seek out and determine the latest and most improved techniques, the finest instruments, and the latest medical theories in these matters, and a failure to do this may constitute a very grave error.

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Since OSI may have done some of this searching or may be in the process, the medical work should, of course, be "co-ordinated" through [redacted]

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2. EVALUATION OF THE INTELLIGENCE MATERIAL ON BLUEBIRD

In the writer's opinion, the intelligence collected to date on Bluebird material, either from behind the Iron Curtain or else-

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where is extremely poor. In general, it is the writer's opinion that where there is a great deal of intelligence information, particularly along interrogation lines, there should be some information concerning Bluebird or similar techniques as used by the Soviets and their Satellites and other countries. The information, however, that has been received is second or third-hand, rumors, unsupported statements, and non-factual. Along these lines, it should be noted that this office has received practically no intelligence information whatsoever to date from OSI and it is obvious that certain conclusions may be drawn from this, i.e.:

A) Material and intelligence are being withheld from us deliberately.

B) All projects, sources, or individuals that are being tapped for information are failures or not advanced far enough to produce concrete results.

C) OSI has not spread its net wide enough.

As stated above, pure intelligence along these lines obtained from all sources is regarded by the writer as being very, very weak. Particularly it is noted that there are no large survey reports on d.p.s (particularly scientific men who might have knowledge of Bluebird-type activities) and it appears obvious that this should be done if it has not been done to date.

3. EVALUATION OF THE WORK OF CHEMISTS, BIOCHEMISTS, ETC. IN THE UNITED STATES AND ELSEWHERE ALONG BLUEBIRD LINES

This question is related to No. 2 above and the same answers obtained in No. 2 apply here. To date, we have received very little information from scientific sources in this matter. It is obvious that in the United States alone there are innumerable private, educational, industrial, and commercial sources that have considerable information along these lines. There are a great many scientists in the United States who work in fields related to Bluebird and OSI or some designated staff of this Agency should tap every one of these sources for information.

It also seems obvious to the writer that the great chemical firms such as MERCK, JOHNSON and JOHNSON, DUPONT, MONSANTO, DOW,

etc., etc. would have men whose information would be of value to us. By the same token, the BELL LABORATORIES, GENERAL ELECTRIC, WESTINGHOUSE, etc. must have valuable information in electronics, sound etc.

4. EVALUATION OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF OSI IN GENERAL TO BLUEBIRD

While the writer obviously does not know of all the efforts of OSI to obtain information in these fields, for a matter of record, it should be noted that to date, 29 January 1952, OSI has not given this office one valuable, new, usable paper, suggestion, drug, instrument, technique, name of an individual, etc., etc.

5. VARIOUS PANELS PROPOSED AND WHAT THEY HAVE ACCOMPLISHED TO DATE OR IN THE FUTURE

The original panel as proposed and set up by OSI apparently died at birth. As far as the writer has been able to determine, the panel has never even been assembled in part and apparently has accomplished nothing.

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[redacted] At a recent informal conference [redacted], of [redacted], re-proposed the same panel idea -- that is, that a panel of top-flight men be lined up and brought to a given point at a given time, be briefed on the Bluebird problem, and then given a series of questions, suppositions, ideas, etc., in writing, which they could then take to their various homes or places of business and study them and come up with any thoughts that they might have that would be of value to Bluebird. In the writer's opinion, this idea is sound, although it is an old one, but it would have to be laid on by proper authorities with considerable spade work in advance. It might be a sort of advanced seminar type of get-together.

It is the writer's opinion that within the Agency alone, either as consultants or as full-time employees of the Agency, there are a great many men who would come up with refreshing and sensible ideas regarding Bluebird if given a proper briefing in this matter. It is certain that these individuals would know many individuals whom they could recommend for consultation.

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In this connection, it should be an absolute rule that if a group such as suggested above is ever assembled, each individual present should be requested to submit the names of individuals that are known by them who could possibly contribute knowledge or assistance to this work. These names obtained could be cross-checked and if subsequently determined that their information would in fact be valuable, Security or OSI could line them up as consultants and they could be used in this work.

6. ESSENTIAL WORK TO BE DONE IN HYPNOSIS

The writer is quite aware that there are some highly competent experts in this field, medical men and otherwise. The writer contemplates visiting as many of these individuals as can be arranged from a security point of view as soon as possible. This office is continuing its experiments along these lines and hopes to obtain new volunteer assistance in the immediate future and in addition also hopes to obtain permission to conduct hypnotic experiments extending over long distances and involving complex set-ups.

The work to date, in the opinion of the writer, is encouraging with a number of interesting results obtained, at least from a physical point of view. Obviously, continued research and experimentation is in order along these lines and will be continued by this office.

7. THE PROBLEM OF THE LONG-RANGE RESEARCH AS OPPOSED TO IMMEDIATE ACTION ON CASES

It is obvious that both long-range research and preparation for the handling of operational cases as they arrive must be carried on at the same time. It has been long known to the writer and certainly must be known to everyone interested in this work that the finding of a "wonder" drug or new uses for old drugs or techniques will only come as the result of slow, laborious, painstaking research conducted in properly equipped laboratories and carried out by highly skilled men of science. This will cost large sums of money and will take a considerable amount of time before any concrete results can be achieved. In the writer's

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opinion, however, it is absolutely essential that this Agency support this type of research, directly or indirectly, and give aid and encouragement wherever possible to other agencies or individuals working along these lines.

By the same token, the Bluebird teams must have the best present knowledge available to apply to actual operational cases when they arise. To date, the writer has been unable to find "new" information on techniques or administration of drugs to be used nor have we received any information on "new" drugs or techniques from OSI. It, therefore, should be understood that at the present time, if the Bluebird team has to handle any given case they will use their best present knowledge and weapons which are such drugs as sodium amytal, sodium pentothal, etc. with an effort made at the time of drug administration to gain hypnotic control of the subject.

While we have heard of various agencies and individuals who are making "remarkable" progress along "new lines" (such as lysergic acids, etc.), there is no indication that these techniques or new drugs are in any shape to be used against a given case at the present. As stated above, if these new techniques and drugs are usable, this office has not received any such information to date.

8. WHY HAVEN'T TOP-LEVEL PSYCHIATRISTS AND PSYCHOLOGISTS BEEN INTERVIEWED TO DATE?

In the United States there are a number of important hospitals, clinics, etc. where hypno and narco-analysis are constantly being used apparently with excellent results. Certain places are immediately called to mind such as [redacted] etc., etc.

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In addition to the hospitals and clinics that are using hypno and narco-analysis, there are, in the United States, a number of top-level psychiatrists and clinical psychologists who have done a great deal of research and practical work along these lines. Such men as [redacted] etc. should be personally interviewed and their work should be analyzed and studied from a Bluebird point of view. If the above named institutions and/or individuals have been covered by OSI, this office has not heard of it.

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9. WHY HASN'T THIS OFFICE BEEN FURNISHED PROGRESS REPORTS OR STUDIES FROM CERTAIN LARGE PROJECTS IN WHICH WE HAVE A DECIDED INTEREST?

H-B/6 This office has repeatedly requested a chance to interview [redacted] who is in charge of the [redacted] Although [redacted] has been in town numerous times, we have had no opportunity of talking with him, nor have we seen any written material from this Project. It should be noted, however, for the record,

A that in a recent conference between [redacted] indicated that he thought arrangements could be made along lines of interest to this office relative th[redacted]

A Also, for a matter of record, it should be noted that we have received via [redacted] only one report out of [redacted] which is dated 1949 and is a short, useless, inconclusive report on

B/3 mescaline. There may be other reports from [redacted] but we have as yet to see them, although [redacted] stated that [redacted] had abandoned working with the barbiturates and he hinted that they were working with "advanced" drugs. What we would like to know is, if [redacted] has abandoned working on the barbiturates for new material,

1) What are the new materials?

2) Have they developed any new techniques?

3) Why did they abandon the barbiturates?

4) And since it appears obvious that some reports would have been written concerning these items, why haven't we seen them?

A [redacted] has informed us th[redacted] at [redacted] (who is working for th[redacted] has

H-B/6 made remarkable discoveries on certain properties of the lysergic

B/3 acid groups. Since this office has long known of the lysergic acid groups and has had an interest in their reactions [redacted] reports (if any are available) would be of considerable interest to us.

10. IN VIEW OF OUR PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF FIELD OPERATIONS, THE HANDLING IN THE [redacted], AND [redacted] RECENT TRIP, IT IS FELT THAT CONSIDERATION MUST BE GIVEN TO THE BRIEFING OF ALL OPERATIONAL OFFICIALS, HEADS OF MISSIONS, AND CHIEF AGENTS RELATIVE BLUEBIRD AND RELATED MATTERS.

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It is the opinion of the writer that operational officials, heads of missions, chief agents, etc. should be briefed on Bluebird along the following lines:

A) Have all agents maintain a constant watch for intelligence, mechanical gadgets or devices, medical reports, photographs, etc. on Bluebird-type activity by Iron Curtain countries and by any country in which they are working.

B) Where possible, drugs should be collected, (particularly new or unusual-type drugs), unusual gadgets, electronic devices including electric medical instruments, shock inducing machines, etc., pictures or descriptive literature of any of these items and rumors of new or unusual activities in this type of work.

C) All operational cases and certainly important cases should be examined with a view toward the use of Bluebird techniques. It should be clearly explained to our people that Bluebird should not necessarily be applied as a last resort, but can be applied anywhere along the line in working a case.

D) Our people should be instructed to be on a constant watch for unusual activites, strange personality changes, pecularities, etc. that suddenly appear among our own people or people in whom we have an interest.

E) All overseas employees or individuals connected with any of our activities in foreign countries (particularly near the Iron Curtain or in dangerous areas) should be rewarned against any type of hospitalization, medical attention, psychiatry treatment, etc. except by fully authorized and trusted institutions and doctors.

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11. INFORMATION FR[redacted] H-B|3

A It is the writer's understanding that efforts have been made by [redacted] and/or possibly others to obtain scientific information from [redacted] relative Bluebird-type activities and techniques. It is also my understanding that these attempts have not been fruitful. Certainly this office has received no information from [redacted] via any channels in relation to this work.

B|3 It is obvious that [redacted] and [redacted] and related agencies in the U. S. and elsewhere would receive information along Bluebird lines. While the writer is not aware of any use of Bluebird techniques by [redacted] it seems obvious that [redacted] would have studied and probably experimented with Bluebird-type techniques, etc.

It is suggested that since OSI has not produced information along these lines, that I & SO could, probably through their close working association with [redacted] set up an informal conference between Security officers, Bluebird team officers, and [redacted] to consider these matters.

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A [redacted] informed the writer that [redacted] works very closely with [redacted] and is capable of obtaining from them all necessary information and drugs as needed.

To date, this office has received no information whatsoever that would indicate that [redacted] or OSI for that matter has received information of any type from [redacted]

B|3 It seems very obvious to the writer that [redacted] would have produced written reports on all types of drugs, drug sources, drug uses, etc., etc. While this material may contain nothing new, it nevertheless would probably be very authoritative material for our study, analysis, and use.

A This proposal has been brought to the attention [redacted] and [redacted] by the writer orally on several occasions.

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